

**REMARKS**

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 37 to 70 will be pending. Claims 1 to 36 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 37 to 70 are newly added.

The Office Action dated August 1, 2005 set forth a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants were invited to elect either the invention of Group I, identified as including claims 1-24, drawn to a catalyst pellet, or the invention of Group II, identified as including claims 25 to 36, drawn to a method for selectively catalyzing gas phase exothermic reactions using a catalyst pellet.<sup>1</sup>

Applicants hereby elect to pursue the invention of Group II. Claims directed to the unelected subject matter have been deleted, without prejudice to pursuing such subject matter in a divisional application. The revised claim set reflects Applicants' election.

An early and favorable examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants note that original Claim 36, like new Claim 70, is directed to a method for selectively catalyzing gas phase **endothermic** reactions.